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the state of Nebraska passes legislation taking control over our rivers, does not mean that the Corps cannot go ahead and make the declaration. They probably will. They have consented to wait until April 15th to make the declaration. We are very fearful as to what will happen on any project that's proposed on our rivers, such as using the water for irrigation or anything else, because of the veto power that other agencies have, such as the environmental people and the wildlife. It may take two or three years to get anything done if they have to go through those agencies.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Syas. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Kremer some questions, if I could, please.

SPEAKER: There is three or four Senators ahead of you, Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I thought you said you called on me. Didn't you recognize me?

SPEAKER: I called on Senator Syas.

SENATOR CLARK: Oh, I am sorry.

SENATOR SYAS: I'll let her go.

SENATOR CLARK: George, I wouldn't think of it.

SPEAKER: You are taking advantage of a neophyte up here.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President, just so I understand the bill fully. Now I am not going to refer to a person that builds a country home on the Platte River or some river or things of that nature but what I am going to ask first, my first question of Senator Kremer will be that, is this just going to be one agency, one commission to supervise the whole state or are we here splitting up into sections in the state. In other words, one Resource District. We have a lot of them.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Syas, this bill provides that the Nebraska Department...Nebraska Natural Resources District continues to have the responsibilities they now have in delineating flood plain areas. They will continue just like they have but the responsibility to enforce anything that takes place on our rivers will be with the Nebraska Department of Water Resources, that's Dan Jones' office.

SENATOR SYAS: I read that, all right, in the bill but what I am getting at, we are not going to Balkanize this enforcement are we, up for different decisions in different places.

SENATOR KREMER: No, it is only under this one state agency.

SENATOR SYAS: Ok. All right. That's the first question. I notice the bill continually refers to obstructions. Is there anything in this bill that would give authority to this Board to not allow a real estate development. Now I am talking about a SID. I am not talking about a person building an individual house or something like that, or a farmer building a home. I am talking about a real estate development or an industrial development on the flood plain. Is there anything here that would allow the Commission to